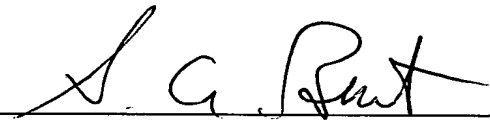


REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 5 and 7, be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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